Review of liberalisation policies

†1001. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the situation arising out of the liberalisation of economic policies;

(b) if so, by when; and

(c) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) to (c) Liberalisation of economic policies is necessary for achieving rapid and sustainable growth. The broad theme guiding the policies and programmes of the Government is faster growth with employment and equity. Economic policies are regularly reviewed in this direction.

People under IT bracket

1002. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of income tax payers in the salaried class in the country, State-wise and Metro city-wise;

(b) what steps are being taken to bring more people under IT bracket;

(c) what is the total amount of IT collected by Government in this financial year so far; and

(d) what steps are being taken to simplify the procedures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) The total number of Income-tax payers in the salaried class is 81,40,188.

State-wise information regarding income tax payers is not maintained. However, the number of tax payers in the salaried

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

class, Chief Commissionerate—region wise and also for Metro cities is given in the statement. (*See* below).

(b) The steps taken in this regard include extension of the scope of 1/6 scheme to 79 new cities in addition to the existing 54 cities; carrying out verification on a regular basis; matching of information relating to TDS with the existing assessees; matching of data relating to application/allotment of PAN with the data base of existing assessees; and extensive and targeted publicity campaign making full use of the electronic and print media.

(c) The total amount of Income-tax collected by the Government up to the month of June, 2000 is Rs. 5950.77 crores. Total Direct tax collection, including Income tax, Corporation tax, and other taxes upto 30th June, 2000 is Rs. 10,712.05 crores.

(d) The following steps have been taken to simplify the procedure:

(i) Introduction of a simple one-page 'SARAL' form for filing returns of income by certain assessees.

(ii) Providing that the acknowledgement of the return filed will be deemed to be acceptance of the return excepting a few cases taken up for scrutiny.

(iii) Dispensing with the requirement of approval by the Government for the purposes of obtaining certain tax exemptions or deductions.

(iv) Providing the facility to make tax payment in all computerised branches of all nationalised banks in 133 cities with effect from 1st August, 2000.

Statement

Following are the Chief Commissionerate—region-wise number of tax payers in the salaried class on 30.6.2000:

(1) Ahmedabad	603760
(2) Bangalore	506446
(3) Bhopal	434717
(4) Bhubaneshwar	110809
(5) Calcutta	1072400
(6) Chandigarh	538406

(7)	Chennai	447505
(8)	Cochin	339993
(9)	Delhi	441263
(10)	Guwahati	166163
(11)	Hyderabad	328955
(12)	Jaipur	498109
(13)	Kanpur	277127
(14)	Lucknow	231930
(15)	Mumbai	610809
(16)	Panchkula	338329
(17)	Patna	317000
(18)	Pune	876457
	TOTAL:	8140188

Following are the Metro-city wise number of taxpayers in the salaried class:

1.	Calcutta	763178
2.	Chennai	143499
3.	Delhi	441263
4.	Mumbai	610809

Termination of Services in State Bank of Indore

1003. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees of the State Bank of Indore whose services were terminated on grounds of misbehaviour during the last three years, zone-wise and branch-wise;

(b) whether the cases were referred to the Bank's Chairman(Mumbai) or any independent enquiry authority (other than Bank) before terminating their services; and

(c) if not, the reasons for not giving opportunity to the employees to ventilate their just grievances?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) According to State Bank of Indore, there is only one employee whose service has been terminated during the last three years on grounds of misbehaviour.

(b) The bank has further reported that the case was not referred to the Bank's Chairman at Mumbai. However, the matter was